

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~1 - 13~~.

Please substitute new claims ~~14-22~~, as follows:

14. (new) A magnetic force eyeglass holder for releasable attachment to a garment, comprising:

at least one rare earth magnet;

a magnet housing for said at least one rare earth magnet, said housing including a bridge forming an opening for inserting an eyeglass temple piece; and
a magnetically saturable keeper plate.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said at least one rare earth magnet is made of neodymium.

16. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said at least one rare earth magnet is nickel coated.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said magnetically saturable keeper plate is fabricated from Alnico.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said apparatus has two spaced-apart rare earth magnets, said magnets fixed in their respective positions by said magnet housing and wherein said bridge is interposed between said magnets.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said apparatus has one rare earth magnet.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the opening formed by said bridge is filled with deformable foam for securely holding eyeglasses when said apparatus is jostled.

Rule 1.126 20. (new) A magnetic force eyeglass holder for releasable attachment to a garment,

comprising:

two magnets;

two magnet housing members one each for holding one of said magnets, said housing

members joined by a flexible chain; and

a magnetically saturable keeper plate.

²¹ Rule 1.126 ~~20~~ 21. (new) The apparatus of claim ~~20~~, wherein said housing members may be adjustably spaced when in use.

²² Rule 1.126 ~~20~~ 22. (new) The apparatus of claim ~~20~~, wherein said magnets are rare earth magnets.

²³ Rule 1.126 ~~20~~ 23. (new) A method of holding eyeglasses to a garment, comprising the steps of:
providing at least one rare earth magnet;
providing a magnet housing for said at least one rare earth magnet, wherein the housing includes a bridge forming an opening for inserting an eyeglass temple piece;
providing a magnetically saturable keeper plate;
placing the magnetic magnet housing on top of the garment; and
placing the keeper plate underneath the garment in juxtaposition with the magnetic housing such that a layer of garment fabric is interposed between the magnet housing and the keeper plate.